PORT HOPE, Dec. 13th, 1883.

To the Electors of Ward Two:—

GENTLEMEN,—Having been solicited, both last year and this, to allow my name to be proposed as a candidate for Councillor, I have consented to be nominated for the position, and I deem it my duty, in soliciting the votes of the electors, to send to every one this circular, stating my views on one or two points.

In regard to the Police force, which is one of the prominent questions of the day, I am heartily in sympathy with the choice made of the caretakers of our town. I believe we have two officers of the law who are as *brave*, honorable and trustworthy as any who have ever trod the soil of our fair Dominion; and while I am in sympathy with every scheme for retrenchment and economy, I am convinced that at the present juncture, when it is a well-known fact, stated publicly in the newspapers, that a reckless horde of ruffian robbers have crossed over from the States and are now operating in Canada, we dare not, in duty to ourselves, our homes and our property, dispense with either of our valuable officers. On this point I strongly believe in protection.

Law and Order

Protection.

As the Grand Trunk Railway have finally decided to build a Union Station here, and locate refreshment rooms; also most probably make this their coaling station, I think it the duty of your representatives to make all necessary inquiries, and use all adequate means, leaving no stone unturned, to induce the G. T. R. to locate large workshops here. There is quite enough unused and unproductive land belonging to the town, lying south of the viaduct, near the Queen's wharf, that could be usefully employed as a site for workshops, employing 1,000 men. I think the

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Council should be empowered to donate this ground, or such quantity of it as they think fit; and grant remission of taxes for say twenty years, to the G. T. R. if they will build and equip a shop and employ from 200 men upwards. All such actions as these I think it wise and proper for the Council to use their utmost endeavor to further.

Town Property.

I am decidedly in favor of improving all the streets as fast as possible. I would boulevard Ridout street and all the side streets, and I would do it by frontage tax, or some other equitable way, with and only by the consent of the ratepayers; plant shade trees in the boulevards, thus relieving the residents of at least half the dust they are now subject to. I am in favor of not using one load more of gravel on John street, but would have it properly scraped regularly, and the loose stones carefully gathered up and taken away. Considering there is at least 18 inches of good solid road bed there now, I see no object in still raising the street higher than the sidewalk. Our streets should all be clean, and John street, especially, should be made more presentable and passable than it is.

No further expense in gravelling John street.

Economy.

I am fully in accord with the most economical ratepayer in endeavoring to keep down expenses, and so reduce taxation to the lowest possible percentage.

Politics.

I am perfectly independent in politics—therefore will, if elected, support nothing on political grounds, but will support any and all measures that I believe to be for the advancement of the town, no matter by whom brought forward. No favoritism, but even-handed justice to all.

Request for your support

It will not be possible for me, in this busy season, to personally call on the electors, but through this circular I ask your Votes and Influence; and say if my ideas are in harmony with yours, and you wish me to represent you at the Council Board for 1884, I shall cheerfully do so.

I am yours truly,

W. H. PARSONS.

To Mr. J B Barnett